

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 23, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Jesse J. Nehez at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

ROLL CALL was read by Lisa Rodriguez, Clerk of Council. The following were present: Mayor Nehez, Beatrice Greenlee, Linda Bowen, Nicholas Magistrelli, Gary Vojtush, Alan E. Hipps and Ethan Miladinovic. In addition, Law Director, Brad Bryan, Village Police Lt. Jamie Mackie and Finance Director Tim Clymer were also present. Village Engineer Richard Wasosky, Village Fire Chief Jason Buss and Service/Bldg./Zoning Superintendent Jason Walters were not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion for approval of the July 9, 2014 minutes was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Alan Hipps, passed with 6 ayes.

GUEST SPEAKER: Cathy Morrone of the Summit County Health Department about the Ordinance regarding Summit County Kids Month for the month of August 2014 and the programs that they run for the children.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

Joe Buzalewski, resident of 9422 Cranbrook Dr., stated that he would like the Village to consider putting planters and benches for people to sit on up and down Route 8 to beautify it.

Resident, Mary Volny of 9253 Cranbrook Dr., thanked Mayor Nehez, Brad Bryan and Council for passing the ATV ordinance. Stated that she has had problems ever since she moved in with people riding dirt bikes. Mary also thanked Councilman Alan Hipps for sponsoring that ordinance.

Roy Donahue, resident of 165 Magnolia Ave., wanted to thank Mayor and Council for passing the ATV ordinance, he said it was about time. Roy also said how helpful Jason Walters and his department was and said he is a heck of a nice guy.

Rosalie Golias, resident of 198 May Ave., spoke about how for seven years the police have not helped her with the neighbors at 183 May shining their spot light into her house. She said that they do not enforce the light ordinance and it is laughable. Rosalie stated that every time she calls to complain, the police dept. tells her the neighbor has 10 days to correct the problem, then nothing is done. She is begging for help. Mayor asked Lt. Mackie to respond and he stated he did not have a response at this time. Gary Vojtush stated that when he rides his motorcycle down the south side of the street you can see that spot light as plain as day.

Two resident of 144 Rosewood Ave., Justin Gruszewski & Frank Gruszewski asked Council why they lied to Justin that they were having a work session, and then when Justin left the meeting they passed the ATV ordinance. Law Director, Brad Bryan stated that it wasn't Council who stated anything, it was him. Brad said that he was under the impression that Council was to have a work session and the ordinance was on the agenda for the fourth time that night. It wasn't his intent to deceive anyone and he apologized. Councilman Vojtush and Councilman Hipps had a difference in opinion of what was said in the paper about Mr. Hipps walking the Village streets when he ran for Council. Alan stated to Gary that he spoke with the Norfolk Southern Corporate office and they said that no one is allowed to ride, let alone even walk on their property. Gary said that he spoke with the rail-master and they said it was allowed. Alan stated that he gave Gary's information to the corporate offices and they want the information from Gary of who he spoke with and mis gave out that permission to ride

on their property. Frank stated that if Gary wouldn't have went to his house and told him about the ordinance, he wouldn't have known at all. Frank asked Council could the ATV be used for other things. Alan stated yes for property maintenance, such as to pull mulch, push snow, etc..

Chad Morgan, resident of 55 Chestnut Ave., stated that he was upset about the ATV ordinance being passed. He said there are always excuses like the sewers are being cleaned by service dept. but he stated he hasn't seem them clean them for over a year or so. Chad stated that he doesn't understand how they tear up the streets and that he is tired of hearing lies. He stated that the noise complaint a week or so ago was him.

Phil Kneziak, resident of 10421 Victory Blvd., stated that the sewer in front of his house was covered over, and that there was a smell of gas coming out of it. He stated he is not happy with the ATV ordinance, that he mainly used it for lawn work and asked if that was allowed. Alan Hipps stated yes, for property maintenance.

Deb McKulskey, resident of 9097 Cranbrook, was upset about the ATV ordinance being passed due to the fact that her children and grand children utilized those vehicles for enjoyment.

Connie Kneziak, resident of 10421 Victory Blvd., stated that she was humiliated and ashamed at Council for lying to Justin about having the work session for the ATV ordinance and then when he left the meeting they passed the ordinance. Connie stated that Council handled the situation very poorly. She understood that it was Brad who did make that statement about the work session.

Councilperson, Linda Bowen said that she had received numerous complaints regarding ATV use for a long time; in fact they had Mr. Trsiner, a resident of Ledge Rd., attended a council meeting and complained when Mayor Milani was the Mayor. Linda stated that Council finally stepped up to the plate and said "enough is enough". Linda said that they are not picking on one family, they just need to do this to better the Village.

Resident Bethany Hipps of 64 Houghton Rd., stated that she grew up in the Village and there are many negative things about the ATV with people riding. She said that it is good that everyone voices their opinion and that everyone values everyone's opinions as well.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

A. MAYOR JESSE J. NEHEZ had Lisa Rodriguez his administrative assistant read the correspondence he received from James Consolo, cousin of former Mayor Carmen Consolo thanking Mayor Nehez, Council and employees for their presence at Carmen's funeral.

B. FINANCE DIRECTOR TIM CLYMER said the only item he had was the amendment to the annual appropriation. Some items were not budgeted form, several purchases for fire dept. were added in since they received grants and the fire dept. pay increased. Gary Vojtush asked if the Village was the administrator for all of the cities involved with the grant for the fire department, and Tim stated yes.

C. ENGINEER RICHARD WASOSKY, was absent and will attend the Council meeting of August 13, 2014.

D. LAW DIRECTOR BRADRIC BRYAN, reported that Mayor Nehez and Service Department asked Council to consider bide for demo of the building at 10267 Northfield Rd. There were four bids received. Beatrice Greenlee made a motion to accept an appropriation of up to \$19,000.00 and Gary Vojtush seconded the motion and carried with 6 ayes.

Brad also stated to council that a motion needed to be made to authorize the Village Engineer to prepare plans for the Cranbrook Dr., project. A motion was made by Nick Magistrelli and seconded by Ethan Miladinovic, carried with 6 ayes.

Greenlee, carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Gary Vojtush and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee and passed with 6 aye votes.

Brad read Resolution 2014-42, an emergency Resolution authorizing certain amendments to the annual appropriation ordinance. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Linda Bowen, carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Ethan Miladinovic, passed with 6 ayes.

OLD BUSINESS; None

NEW BUSINESS; Gary Vojtush asked if the \$800,000.00 carryover that the Village will have could be used for sidewalks from Route 8 down Ledge Rd., to Lee Eaton school. Gary said that a concrete contractor gave him a rough estimate of about 700' would be between \$20,000-\$25,000. Tim Clymer, finance director cautioned everyone, because the Mayor had a list of projects, and the grant didn't pass to pay for this project, but maybe next year. Gary stated that Council made a motion real quick to demolish the building next door, isn't anyone concerned about the childrens safety. Mayor Nehez stated yes everyone is concerned. Gary asked if Tim would be comfortable saying ok to this project. Tim stated again, that they had their list of project and possibly could see, but not at this time. Beatrice stated that it is her intentions to beautify the lot that is

At this time, Beatrice Greenlee, Linda Bowen and Alan Hipps along with all of Council stated that they didn't mean to deceive anyone about the ATV ordinance and that they do not discuss their vote before the meeting. But they all apologized for the miscommunications.


Gary Vojtush stated that since the 199 Ledge Rd. building was purchased to store the supplies and files that were held in the small and large sewer building, could those possibly be demolished and a small track be put their for residents to ride their ATV's. Gary stated they can sign off on waivers, so the Village isn't held liable for anyone. Brad Bryan and Mayor Nehez both stated that they will check into that information. Mayor Nehez also stated that Council did approve to have the smaller of the two buildings torn down.

Mayor Nehez again thanked former Mayor Carmen Consolo's for everything that he supported Mayor Nehez with over the years, and said he will miss his friend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS;ADJOURNMENT -

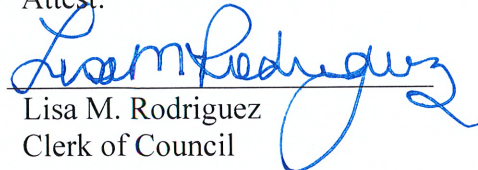
A motion for adjournment at 8:45 p.m. was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Linda Bowen and passed with 6 ayes.

Respectfully submitted by:



Beatrice Greenlee
President of Council

Attest:



Lisa M. Rodriguez
Clerk of Council